

Dr G. D. McNeill
1877 - 1964
Teacher at Buckeye
1894 - 4 mo. School Term
1895 - 96; 1898 - 1900;
1911 -



SENECA



G. D. McNeill









SENECA



George W. Meier

1776



1976

THOMAS McNEILL

ca. 1747 - ca. 1800

HE BUILT HIS CABIN ON THIS SITE IN 1769, THE PIONEER
SETTLER OF SWAGO.

HE FOUGHT IN THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION AND SERVED TWO
ENLISTMENTS UNDER GEORGE ROGERS CLARK.

1776



1976

THOMAS McNEILL

ca. 1747 ca. 1800

HE BUILT HIS CABIN ON THIS SITE IN 1790 AND REMAINED
SETTLER OF SWAGO
HE FIGHTED IN THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION AND HAD TWO
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ca. 1747 ca. 1800

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THOMAS McNEILL

ca. 1747 - ca. 1806

HE BUILT HIS CABIN ON THIS SITE IN 1769. ONE OF THE
SETTLERS OF SWAGO

HE FOUGHT IN THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION AND SERVED TWO
ENLISTMENTS UNDER GEORGE ROGERS CLARK

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THOMAS McNEILL

ca. 1747 - ca. 1800

HE BUILT HIS CABIN ON THIS SITE IN 1769, THE THIRTIETH
SETTLER OF SWAGE.

HE FIGHTED IN THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION AND SERVED TWO
ENLISTMENTS WITH GEORGE ROBERT CLARK.

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ca. 1747 - ca. 1800

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The Department
11-6-67

Merle & I passed
with the
money you







Dr. Hamric her mother
and sister







School House - Dry Creek,
Teacher - Edna Kellison

Students: Maude Bowers
Mary Barnes
Lorrie Armstrong
Mildred Musie
Pearl Cochran
Grace Barnes

(over) -> Ike Addison
Hester M. Elmer (M. Elmer)
John Gay
Midge Bowers
John Hance

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Pearl Cochran
Grace Barnes

(over and) -> Ike Addison
Hester McElue (McClintock)
John Gay
Madge Bowers
John Hance









any way. They know they are welcome.

Here follows the piece printed about the wedding in this paper fifty years ago:

MARRIED

Pocahontas Times

Issue of Thursday, Feb. 5, 1903

An interesting society event transpired January 29th, 1903 on the Dry Branch of Swago at 3:00 P. M., when Geo. Douglas McNeill and Marietta Grace McNeill were united in holy matrimony, Wm. T. Price officiating upon the auspicious occasion. The bride is the third daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William McNeill, a popular teacher of public schools, and a highly estimated young person. The groom is the only son of Capt. James M. McNeill, of Buckeye vicinity, a teacher of public schools and a recent graduate in the study of law at Washington, D. C., where he served as clerk in the census department the last two or three years. The party was chaperoned by the bride's sister, Mrs. O. H. Kee, while Mr. Kee acted as the groom's best man.

A beautiful supper was spread and heartily enjoyed by forty or more persons. Miss Viola and Mittie Kee presided at the organ, and contributed much to the pleasure of the company with their performance.











**Forty-Seventh
Annual
Commencement**



Davis and Elkins College

**Tuesday, May Twenty-Nine
Nineteen Hundred and Fifty-One**

Forty-Seventh

Annual Commencement

10:20 A.M.	Processional	
Invocation		Rev. John H. Stanton
Valedictory		Roy B. Clarkson Summa Cum Laude
Solo	"Lo! Hear the Gentle Lark" Evangeline Collins Maury Mrs. G.H. Neale, Accompanist	Sir Henry R. Bishop
Address		Major General Charles I. Carpenter Chief of Air Force Chaplains Department of Defense Washington, D.C.
Solo	"God of the Open Air" Evangeline Collins Maury Mrs. G.H. Neale, Accompanist	Noble Cain
Conferring of Baccalaureate Degrees		
Conferring of Honorary Degrees		
Presentation of Awards		
General Announcements		
Benediction		Rev. Walter W. White
Recessional		
Marshals:		Lorna Jeanne Greves, '52 Maurice Glenn Scott, '52

The audience will remain standing for the
Recessional

1574

Workshop of Arts

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*Hirsch, Paul A.	Thru
Hill, Changling	Delaware
Hsu, Chang Sheng	Swed, Kore
Isack, Kenneth Gay	Saunder, Va
Knapp, Leon	Franklin, Pa
Lee, Dong Joon	Polak
Levin, Rebecca G.	Washington
*Mitsch, Barbara David	Kilom
Morrell, Barbara Elizabeth (from Israel)	Portland
*Nixon, Donald L.	Barnes
*Oglet, Lee	Berlington
Rya, Andrew (from Israel)	Swed, Kore
Saunders, Debra Jacques	Washington
Schickman, Nathan Charles	Commack, N.Y.
Shaw, Robert D. (from Israel)	Emery park
Shiflet, Elizabeth Hopkins (from Israel)	Cap Mills
Thomas, Richard Lynn	Brooklyn, N.Y.
Tuttle, John L.	Lafayette, Calif.
..... ..	Franklin

Bachelor of Science

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Myra, Richard	George William (game leader).....	Barthley
Myers, William	John (game leader).....	Barry, S.J.
Nash, Edward Herbert	.....	Habicht, S.J.
Neer, Donald	.....	Benhabille, S.J.
Nevins, Matthew Robert	.....	Parwood, S.J.
Neuf, Marcus Wendworth (game leader)	.....	Farhat
Nicholson, Peter Paul	.....	Diogenes, S.J.
Nikolic, Albert Lawrence	.....	Brooklyn, N.Y.
Nikodem, Jerome Joseph	.....	Amman, Conn.
Nolan, Thomas Henry	.....	Elkton
Novak, John	Kenn (game leader).....	.....
Novak, Leonard R.	.....	.....
Novak, Robert Reed	.....	Upper Merionide, N.Y.
Novak, Walter M.	.....	Merionide, N.Y.
O'Connor, Thomas M (game leader)	.....	.....
O'Leary, Samuel Lawrence	.....	West Creek
O'Leary, Peter	.....	Exton, Pa.
O'Leary, Peter	.....	Exton, Pa.
O'Leary, Thomas	.....	.....
O'Leary, John Charles (game leader)	.....	Springer, Pa.
O'Leary, John Martin	.....	.....
O'Leary, Mary Margaret (game leader)	.....	.....

Bachelor of Science in Physical Education

Wheeler, John Charles	Wheeler
Wheeler, Jack Ardell	Wheeler
Wheeler, Earl Stephen	Wheeler
Wheeler, James Brady	Wheeler
Wheeler, Clarence T.	Wheeler
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Wheeler, Robert Raymond	Wheeler
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Wheeler, Harry William, Jr.	Wheeler
Wheeler, John T.	Wheeler

Lapson, Cecil Gordon, Jr. (see last)	Waynesboro, V.
Leake, Henry, Thomas Lester	West Englewood, N. J.
Leahy, Robert C.	Elkins
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Leary, Richard B.	St. Louis
Leary, Thomas Edgar	St. Louis

Bachelor of Science in Business Administration

[illegible]

Bachelor of Science in Engineering

[illegible]

Bachelor of Arts in Elementary Education

44 Ayia, William Charles	Red Creek	45 Ayres, Anna Lee	Nashville
46 Bantz, Ernest Allen	Clintonville	46 Benish, Corbett F.	Pomona
47 Banks, Joseph	Clintonville	47 Beckwith, Peter C.	Walley Grove
48 Banks, Carolyn Cole (maiden name)	Pineville	48 Beggall, Sam Bell	Elmore
49 Bannor, Louise Margaret	Clintonville	49 Bell, Anne F.	Elmore
50 Basile, Lillian Mae	Huttonville	50 Bessner, James Monroe	Month of Season
51 Baumgardner, Warren C.	Cashden	51 Blevins, Hays H.	Clarksville
52 Bay, Thomas F.	Decatur	52 Blevins, Hubert C.	Nashville
53 Beale, Helen Louise	Beverly	53 Osborne, Helen Louise	Mull Creek
54 Beck, David	Stoughton	54 Burroughs, Louisa E.	Elmore
55 Graham, Fay Bern	Brookville	55 Shelt, Eleanor Knight (maiden name)	Camp Hill
56 Bradford, Helen Rita (maiden name)	Tomball, N.J.		
57 Harris, Hazel Kenneth	Greenback		

Memoranda Deters

Mrs. Esther S. Allen, Doctor of Laws
 Mrs. Lulu Hunter, Doctor of Laws
 Mr. C.H. McNeill, Doctor of Laws
 Mr. James H. Marchand, Doctor of Laws
 Rev. Claude King Davis, Doctor of Divinity
 Rev. John Hubert Swanson, Doctor of Divinity
 Rev. Walter W. White, Doctor of Divinity

The presence of a student's name upon this program does not necessarily indicate that he will graduate with his class. All college regulations must be complied with before the diploma can be granted.

¹⁸ A complete list. See volume 2, 1950.

¹⁰ A. C. Campbell, *Levi* (1983), 209-210.

A TRIBUTE
published in the pages of
THE POCAHONTAS TIMES
MARLINTON, W. VA.
JULY 6 1961

Memorial Obituary



Mrs. G. D. McNeill

Mrs. Marietta Grace McNeill, 82, of Buckeye, died at the Pocahontas Memorial Hospital on Saturday, July 1, 1961, after a long illness. Mrs. McNeill was born at Buckeye on January 22, 1879, the daughter of the late William C. and Susan Buckley McNeill. On January 29, 1903, she was united in marriage to George Douglas McNeill, who survives.

In her youth Mrs. McNeill was a teacher in the district schools, and throughout her life was a professing Christian and a member of the Buckeye Methodist Church.

Surviving are: her husband, G. D. McNeill of Buckeye; two sons, Ward K. McNeill of Columbus, Ohio, and James W. McNeill of Buckeye; two daughters, Mrs. Carleton P. (Elizabeth) Dorsey and Mrs. Roger W. (Louise) Pease, both of Morgantown. Al-

so surviving are her sister, Mrs. Edna M. Kellison, of Beard; her brother, R. S. McNeill, of Marlinton; four grandchildren: John D. McNeill, Fresno, California; Blix and Cheryl McNeill, at home; Douglas Pease, of Hanover, New Hampshire; and two great-grandchildren, Larch Ann and Rosemarie McNeill, of California.

Funeral services were held at two o'clock, July 3, at the Swago Methodist Church, with the Reverend Ezra Bennett in charge; interment followed at the family cemetery at Buckeye.

"Strength and dignity are her clothing . . . and the law of kindness is on her tongue . . . She looketh well to the ways of her household . . . Her children rise up and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praiseth her . . . Give her the fruit of her hands and let her works praise her in the gates."

After ⁵.....days, return to

McNeill

MARLINTON, W. VA.



Capt. James M. McNeill

Duckey

WVA

Built from grass
and fiber. The natives are very skilful in
executing work from
grass or fiber.

Saw some tablecloth
made by them from
leaves of a tree.



Chief's house - Suva

W. H. G.
1911

POST CARD
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Correspondence

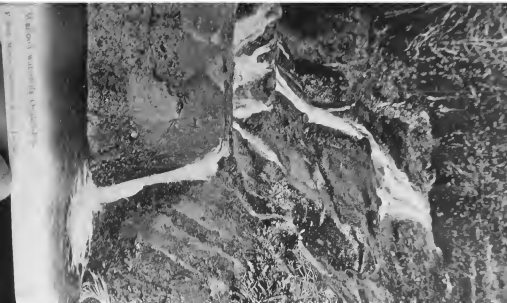
Address

James M. McNeill
Buckeye

usa

W. H. H. H. H.

Dear Mr. McNeill
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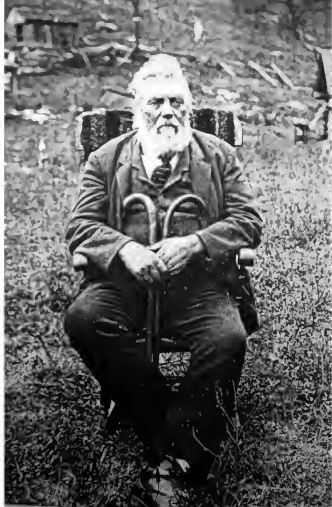
Waterfall at the base of the cliff

POST CARD.

THE ADDRESS TO BE WRITTEN ON THIS SIDE.



Miss Elizabeth McNeill
Buckeye.
West Virginia











Washington McCall

Was born March The 14 1822

Died Feb The 17 1864

He was taken from home
By the Confedent a Thovtys

From The 12 1864

Died at Richmond N.C.

Camp Lee Hospital

Feb The 17 1864

Eveline W. McCall was

born October The 8 1832

Died December 1864

STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA



Distinctive Service

This certifies that George D. McNeill has rendered
35 years of service to Public Education in West Virginia
and in sincere appreciation and high praise of such service
this award is presented.

W. M. Brent

State Superintendent of Free Schools

Paige Woolbridge

President, West Virginia Board of Education, 1923-26

DATE June 1926



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Dr. George D. McNeill
 Buckeye, West Virginia

Dear Dr. McNeill:

We were very sorry you were unable to be present at the Classroom Teachers' Association Dinner Meeting, November 29. We missed you, because you were recognized as one of the outstanding leaders of the boys and girls of this county during your teaching career.

I am enclosing a copy of the program and a Certificate for Distinctive Service from the State of West Virginia.

With kindest personal regards to you, I am

Sincerely yours,

Mack H. Brooks
 Mack H. Brooks, Superintendent
 Pocahontas County Schools

MSB:ph
 Enclosure



THE OLD ENGLISH



A HUNDRED YEARS OF SOCCER

By Louise McNeill-Pease
Poet Laureate of West Virginia

Davis & Elkins College





D. wrote in the article, "I was born with a soccer player's desire. I remember his voice again: 'A soccer player if I ever saw one. Coached us Madrasian boys. The thing spread. A soccer field in every hollow and hamlet.'"

Because this "hollow and hamlet" growth of soccer paralleled the long years of our mountain timber boom, it is easy to imagine these grass soccer games on a summer, Saturday afternoon. The Saturday was pronounced a holiday, and one can enlarge the length of the standard soccer field to 150 yards so as to make room for the 50 players on each side.

Here they were—say at one of Lacle's Boht's or Uncle Ira Gibson's big stubble fields on Elk. The players, as they line up, are a "Moley Crew," farmers, loggers, and "ramble barefoot" rivals of twelve. The men are in their logger slats and in cowhide boots or calf-headed logger shoes. Some of the men wear long whisks, and maybe there is a shew of "Brown Mule" tucked carefully back in the jaw.

The contest is fierce, sometimes bloody, calf-headed boot on bare shin front, a secret poke at a nose, and the whoops and hollers, "The Old English" head but cracking against the ball, the mass of fans running up and down the sidelines, a few bottles of red-eye whiskey passing up and down to those quench the scorching crowd or even to bring a withering player back on his foot.

Lawyer Wilson's "Oxford" team from Marlinton was disgracefully beaten at the first game with the English, but there is a far sharper point, an historic point, to be made here. For a few of these native teams continued for more than 50 years and, then, sent their offshoots into the future—a future that extends through the generations even to the

Millboro kids even to Mr. Max Queen.

This long and prosper as the was not, however, so bleak for English Colony itself. The late 1880's and the early 1890's were the golden years. Altogether, these "win cars" and "win the wheels" numbered about 50. A few of their names evoke, "The happy band of men this little world." Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Stone and maid, W. T. and J. D. Langworthy, James Scheraga, F. C. Parks, Herbert Conshaw and mother Mr. and Mrs. Lammor Tuke and daughter Gladys.

The era 1885-1908 can be seen as the years of growth and a certain stability. But the Boer War at South Africa (1899) and World War I (1915) called some of the men to Old England's need. One of these Boer volunteers died in the Boer War and two in World War I. There were also two meaningful departures—father into West Virginia, The Lammor Tuke family, in 1908, moved to another lane near White Sulphur Springs, Greenbrier County, West Virginia. Mrs. O. N. Miles began to move his lands to the little country churches to Linwood, to Cloverlick, South to Marlinton. Today, 1991, no known living descendant of the Colony remains in America. Yet the English had left to the people of Randolph and Pocahontas resources now beyond recall. Certainly, they had left a touch of their gentle manners, a half-score of their gentle speech, a measure of their "sporting blood" and a fond of "ecotic legend" to tell by the fire. Most of all they had left their soccer. The first two Englishmen came to Walker Tuke's at Millboro, 1885. These schoolboys soccer team was organized in the late 1880's. In between were those who, like those who of the legends of war and peace, those who were the long fields of the soccer.

It has been a long time since the departure of it.



English, some of the P.O.s who was soccer team-bred on for 50 years. Actually a few lived more than 90, and the team at Frost is a prime example. The first team was organized before 1900 and was still playing in 1947. Another enduring team was in the Brush Country where Willie Dilley and some of his brothers played.

I am 80 years old with a fair memory, and my brother Jim and I both remember at least one game on the field behind the old Marlinton High School. "G. D." played in this game and was 40-50 years old. Other more notable games were played at the "Old Fairground", up Greenbrier River. In one of these Fairground games, Frost played Luke, Maryland. Another big game was between Frost and Newport News, Virginia. The crowd was estimated at 3,500. The last organized Frost team played, in 1957, a championship game against D.C. So the Frost team organized before 1900 did indeed play more than 50 years. A picture of the Frost team in official uniforms, as printed in the Pocahontas County History, 1961. It is a team essentially of Sharps and Dilleys. Names listed are: Bob Curry, Willie Dilley, Kyle Sharp, Earl Sharp, Ashley Dilley, Floyd Dilley, Roy Dilley, Delbert Reed, Johnny Sharp, Blair Sharp, Basil Sharp, Leo Dilley, and Ernest Sharp.

The years between 1957 and 1941 are not long. They seem to rush by. Suddenly, in December 1941, wars that iron crossway where many met, met, and many must part. That crossway was

Sunday morning, December 7, 1941, at the input. Calling all ships.

Some Englishmen had left the Mingo Cakery in 1915 to go into World War I, I must admit. Some of some of these Mingo English might have played soccer with Basil Sharp on the fields of France.

"G. D.", in the fall of 1941, had returned from his high school job at Pocahontas and game. When he was 63, he taught at Davis & Elkins College over in Randolph County. Basil Sharp had attended Davis & Elkins before World War II learned on our humans. At Davis & Elkins, Basil had played regular football, finished his college work, and in 1941, was coaching football in Pocahontas.

"G. D.", over at Davis & Elkins that fall of 1941, looked around to find a flat place. When he had been 23, he had been one of Lawyer J.H.G. Wilson's Marlinton boys. Now at 63 he became the first of highly unofficial coaches of Davis & Elkins' soccer team. This first team was only a small start on a long way. But it was the start of the Davis & Elkins teams which had coaches, of the Davis & Elkins team that won the U.S. Championship, of the many teams that stood out and still stand in the nation as powers to reckon with. All the way from Oxford University — "old H.G." as "G. D." would say it, had done "pretty well."

I wrote to Jane Price Sharp to find out if Basil had played soccer at Davis & Elkins. No Basil had never played soccer at Davis & Elkins. There was no soccer team. Plain enough this he had played it on the Fields of France. When back

from the front, Basil had played old J.H.G.'s Oxford soccer on the Fields of France. Then one time when Basil didn't come back from the front, he became, along with a few of our other boys, a legend because he would never grow old.

"G. D." stayed at Davis & Elkins through the war and taught the new military recruits the geography of the Pacific-Philippine Islands, two Jams, Coral Sea. Then he stayed on to teach the "G.I." boys back from the war, teaching them economics and business law.

"And is the field still playing?" One night when "G. D." was 71-72, I had rushed halfway across the state to stand at his bedside in an Elkins hospital. A heart attack had hit him like a thunderbolt. As I stood there, drawn-faced and exhausted, he looked up at me with those cool brown eyes. "This evening, up on the field, I was showing the boys a little of The Old English. Don't tell your mother."

So now, in 1991, James's Hillshorn team has beaten Elkins, Bird Beckley, Heaven Redgum, etc. As I think about it all, my team goes quiet. The English Colony at Mingo, Lawyer Wilson, "G. D.", Basil, young James, Willie Dilley, Mr. MacQueen—all mixed up with the First Boys and all the old boys, like Kilroy, who was here, and all the old soldier boys of England and France, mixed somewhere, too, with the boys of "Dosen Moon." Or if I think down deeper, mixed forever with those Saturday afternoons of joy at the stable Fields of the Sun.



This picture was taken by Larry Munster
year? Blown up by some photographer.

Little White House

LOUISE MCNEILL READS IN ST. ALBANS



Louise McNeill, the Poet Laureate of West Virginia, gave a poetry reading at the St. Albans Branch Library during National Library Week. The reading was recorded by West Virginia Public Radio which is preparing a documentary on Dr. McNeill. The poet now resides in Malden, West Virginia, in Kanawha County.

Gordon Simmons of TransAllegheny Books in Charleston introduced Mrs. McNeill. Adding a touch of class to the evening were Willard Reynolds and Jim Snyder, both staff members at Kanawha County Public Library, who provided special music. Snyder put Dr. McNeill's poem "Mongahela" to music.

West Virginia Library Association



The Last Forest

Tales of the Allegheny Woods

By G.D. (Douglas) McNeill

Preface by Louise McNeill

Tales
of
Pinal County
County

— THE PINAL COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY —

President's Brunch



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UNIVERSITY

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MOUNTAIN
SOCIETY

President's Brunch



WEST VIRGINIA
UNIVERSITY

MAY 14, 1989
10:30 A.M.
PRESIDENT'S HOUSE



Menu

Fresh Old Fashioned Lemonade

Cheese Omelets

Pineapple Raisin Waldorf Salad

Roast Sliced Tenderloin

Sausage Links

French Cut Green Bean Almondine Casserole

Home Fries

Fresh Fruit in Watermelon Baskets

Date Nut and Blueberry Muffins

Whipped Cream Cheese

Strawberry Rapture

Iced Tea

Decaffeinated Coffee



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Hurricane, WV
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Morgantown, WV



Burke Lamb,
Sentenced to life
imprisonment for
murder of Sine Slyman.

— Oct. 31/05 —





To.

G. D. McNeill

W. R. Griffith











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Story.

Some books on the Short Story

A Study of the Short Story - Cawley

Writing the Short Story - Cassel

The Short Story - Branden Matthews

The Carpenter must have
definite conception of the building
to be erected else he spends mate-
rial in cutting. So must the
writer have plan and specifications
of his novel or short story.

Pepper. Anecdotes - Settings - etc.

For people we may say "Character"
because all stories do not have
people for actors.

Call of Wild

A Night Out - Paper

Adventure of a Summer

But since all actors are made
to represent people, this is the
better word.

Incidents are the thing done
and make up the vehicles on
which character of actors are
revealed.

Setting - Time, Place, and Condition
Atmosphere & Tone. It fills the blanks
background and brings harmony just as the
background in "The Harrowers".

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of the three materials - Character, Incident or
Setting as to predominate, it should be
revealed in the opening paragraph
thus Character by Characterization

Incident - Action

Setting - Environment

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of the three materials - Character, Incident or
Setting - is to predominate it should be
repeated in the opening paragraph
thus Character by Enumeration

Incident " Action

Setting " description.

It does not seem necessary that this
rule be always adhered to.

Either of the three may be so far
forced into foreground as to dwarf
either two.

The Pendulum is all action particularly
Lady ^{and} the Tigers " " "

Most Tales of Arabian Nights "

The great story should have a theme
then drive it home by use of the
three materials.

The Short Story is an impression from
life.

Theme - meaning - the human
touch to be brought home. It is
an impression from life.

Having determined the theme,
the writer employs means to
develop it. Some of these means

phrases of speech,
idioms, etc

Appearance of Truth

Truth is no guarantee that
it is Credible. Fiction is more
reasonable than Truth often times.
A fact may be taken there fiction
applied to make it reasonable.
Truth is not important - Appearance
of truth - Verisimilitude is.

Classic vs Romance

Look at the difference between the two













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A farming tradition in Pocahontas

McNeills

ponder future:

Keep or sell

"I know, deep down, that our old farm is only a ragged symbol, a signet mark for all the others, the old and for older hard-accrable mountain farms of Kentucky, Tennessee, North Carolina and Virginia, all the lovely fields scattered across the mountainous South. The earth holds us in such a grip, it is not our dearest possession. It is not our dearest possession that drives us for the earth is another protection, the heart, but the oppression. It requires, sometimes the very lightness of its own and deprives the fly-away dreams and breeds the birds of time and space. Yet to leave a familiar patch of earth is to know something beyond death. Louise McNeil, 'The Mired Ladies'"

By Kristen Scigen

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RUCKY. He's slightly hunched, short of breath and makes the short trip between his pickup and the cemetery's chain-link fence slowly, haltingly.

Inside beyond the reach of his hand at 65, eyes overgrown grass reveals the cracked and creased tombstones on the older graves. All of them have names seem to have shimmered with the decades. Some that stretch well into the last cen-

Jim McNeil ponders the farm and its future. In the background, a car is parked on the road.



Jim McNeil has been raising cattle on his Pocahontas County farm since 1937. McNeil's family has been working the same hilly acreage since the American

Revolution. Ready to retire, McNeil and his wife Annabette face the question of what to do with the historic property.

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drop watches expectantly. "Second cousin," he says finally.

A few steps away, flush against the fence, four more familiar graves lie in a row.

"Louise's," he says, gesturing with a weathered hand toward the tombstone of his famous big sister, the former state poet laureate who died last year. "That's my brother. My dad. And my mother."

McNeill wades through the grass toward the center of the cemetery, where some of the oldest tombstones sink in the Pocahontas County hilltop. From his flannel shirt pocket he fishes out the glasses — "spec-tickles" he calls them — but still he can't make out the names of the oldest ancestors. Time and the elements have erased them, making it uncertain which relation the earth is holding there.

He stands in the middle of this place, smokes his cigarette, savors the quiet, the company, and the familiar view of the farm below, where McNeill and the kin now buried here have toiled for more than 200 years.

It's been a hard year for buying on the 217-acre farm (Mc-

Neill, getting on in years and suffering from rheumatism and heart problems, McNeill, 76, doubts he has much more farming in him. After tossing his cigarette into the grass and shutting the cemetery gate on the farm's past, he stops to ponder the future. The thoughts guide his gaze across U.S. 219, to former farmland that has since been subdivided into housing lots.

"These people here are from New Jersey," McNeill says, with a nod to a brown wood frame ranch. "That big house over there's New Jersey."

McNeill, his wife Annabelle, and their only son Ellis, a car salesman in nearby Marlinton, have had years to consider what will happen to the farm.

"I may build a good road and let it off," McNeill says as he sits in the yellow swing on the front porch of his house, the third family home built on the property. "It wouldn't be hard to get off."

Annabelle takes a hard line against selling. She invokes the wishes of her sister-in-law Louise to back herself up, suggesting the writer would roll



McNeill's grandson Jamie helps him bale hay. The family hopes the 16-year-old will one day follow in his grandfather's footsteps, but Jamie dreams of a better-paying job in construction.

over in her grave if that grave were ever to become part of someone else's back yard.

"Of course — Lord oh mercy — she just thought that the land just has to go on and on and on

in the McNeill name. She'd never think of selling it."

"I'm not that extreme," her husband says.

"So it's 3025 with us, and is with us still, over two hundred

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years and nine generations of the farm keeping us, and we believing that we keep the farm. But that is not the way

2006

Calendar of Events



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Memphis Tenn
Jan - 1916

Did want to work

Age 10 - May 1st Carried water for yard crew
R. Sta. Co. - Roney (Saw mill) at Kotoago got.
75¢ a day.

Age 11 - Picked wood from Conveyer for Forest
M. Cline for 50¢ a day.

Age 12 - Shovel inside mill for 1.75 a day.
Picked Stump late same year for
Promotion only not pay - got 50¢ on
Ug - where the cogs hit his leg.

Age 13 - went to work on Carriage in April
got, 2.00 per day (Logging)

Age 18 Stayed until the mill ^{none out} ~~left~~ & Dad
(Wm. T. one bought from Roney) - 2.00 per day
Wm. ~~with~~ Henry.

Age 18 - went to Crown Lick at young's store
left store to go to set block F.S. Wm.
Sta. Co. - 3.50 per day.

Age 19 - Went to Raywood - Set blocks & Social
(971) for Wm. Sta. Co. Bob. Roney Harry
got 6.00 per day. 1 Preston (boss)

Age 20 - went to Mt. Grove - & set blocks for
J.E. Moore Sta. Co. - 4.00 a day Nov. 1917

Age 22 Dec. 5th 1917 - Jan - 1918 went to
Brownville as Breaker on Penna Railroad

27 saw m¹ on Bundun

7/2/5

Bot - Ex he lost as bratman. Pot - 75⁰⁰
per week - work day & night to get
that. (3000 pop engine) - worked there
1/2 yr. 6 mo.

Age 21 - ~~Broke~~ Back to Spree Run to Saw
mill as block setter & exhe sawer -
1918 2nd 8/11
Roe. 4 50 p.a. day. Wiseman Mill sawmill
Did everything in hand-mill except - Staining
fill saw. - Blanche born that yr.

Age 22 - Came to Campbelltown 12th April 1919
Started in store keeping with Uncle Angus
Stayed there until he spent all the
money he had. Stayed there until
I said to Bill van Raman. about a yr.

23 - Helped build road - (219) on rock crushed
mail. to Camp.

24 - ^{dogged} Forest - ^{Sawed} ^{Sat} ^{the 6} ^{Saw} ^{Saw}
Boulevard & had worked for Boule-
Boulevard road. P.O. at Hills
mom & Aunt Vallie's new store in the yard
where I was born.

1920
april 5th 1922

25 - Went to work Clayton Tongue Grocery Co.
Stayed there for - 27 yrs.

52 New Bid - 4A-60 - Mined - Poca. Bro. Co.
Made in 1947 - 4 95 later Summer 1955

58 worked for Poca Bro. for - 1962 - 7 yrs.

54/7 " Cov. " Co. - 1962 8 yrs.

52/65 " Richmond " - May 13 1965 & been
there 13 & still going

MARVIN DUNBRACK'S HISTORY

Peter Dunbrack, son of John Dunbrack and Jean Hawthorne of Meaghers' Grant, Nova Scotia, born October 1823 died 1887, married Charlotte Sophia Innes, daughter of Richard Innes, Lake Porter, Nova Scotia, November 16, 1852.

Alexander George Dunbrack was one of their family of ten children. He was born November 11, 1853, in Middle Musquodoboit, Halifax County, Nova Scotia, Canada. He died July 18, 1936, in Campbelltown and was buried in Mt. View Cemetery in Marlinton, West Virginia.

George Dunbrack left the Dunbrack farm in Canada in 1873 at the age of 20. He was a white pine woodsman and as a teamster worked for \$1 per day plus board for the St. Laurence Lumber Company and also worked on the log river drives. The last drive he worked on was 1907 on Greenbrier River. His later years spent as a farmer. He married Harriet Ann Ryder May 7, 1889, and to this union were born six sons and five daughters. Their children are:

	<u>Born</u>	<u>Died</u>	<u>Married</u>
Loucrisia	February 11, 1882	August 29, 1963	George Campbell

Brooklyn McLaughlin

Born April 21, 1980

Daughter of Gary and
Jona McLaughlin

Marvin Dunbrack was born at Beaver Creek close to Huntersville on May 1, 1897

He has held various jobs throughout his life and started to work at the age of ten
as a water boy for \$10 a day for J. H. Brown Lumber Company at Watoga. He worked
for the Ben Sawmill at Newmarket Virginia in Claymont, Baywood, Mt. Grove,
Virginia and later for going off to work at a mill with experience of sawfiler and
lumber grader. Worked for Pennsylvania Railroad at Scranton in January 1918.
Owned and operated store in Claymont, and later worked as Supervisor for
Clifton Forge Lumber Company from 1922 to 1924. He later was Manager of the
Pocahontas Lumber Company from 1924 to 1926. He was elected into Randolph and
and Greenbrier counties. He was elected to the Greenbrier office for two years

storeowners still living that he called on, and all salesmen that worked this territory as a competitor are now deceased. He also bought and sold ginseng for 58 years.

Marvin has been active as a member of the Campbelltown Methodist Church since May 1922, where he taught a youth class of boys with an enrollment of twenty-two--average age, eighteen. He was Sunday School Superintendent and teacher of the adult Bible class for 50 years, and although he retired at age 84, he is frequently called on to teach as a substitute teacher.

Marvin also worked as a laborer at the rock crusher using a sledge hammer to crush rock small enough to go through the crusher. He helped build the now existing Rt. 219 from Marlinton to Campbelltown.

Marvin recalls that ladies worked at the Empire Kindling Wood Company at Watoga to bundle kindling blocks about 2" long to be shipped by railroad car lots to different cities to be used as fuel. Marvin's sister, Clara, worked at this job and was paid 20¢ for 100 bundles, making \$1 to \$1.50 per day.





